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NEW PRICING SCHEME FOR PHOSPHATE AND POTASSIC FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not been able to decide the price of DAP Fertiliser due to pressure from multinational companies;

(b) if so, the detail thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether prices of the MOP (Murate of Potash) were fixed for its purchase and import twice in April 2004 and November 2004;

(d) if so, the rates of MOP decided in April and November 2004 and the subsidy provided by the Government as compared to last year under the new pricing policy;

(e) whether complaints have been received from various states, particularly from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh regarding shortage of urea, DAP and MOP;

(f) if so, the detail thereof and reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to release the sufficient quota of these fertilisers to States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) No sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) & (d) The import of Muriate of Potash (MOP) is de-canalised. The importers of MOP negotiate the prices with the international suppliers normally for entire year. However, this year the price of MOP was finalised at US $ 180 per MT C&F with 180 days credit for the supplies from 1.4.2004 to 31st October 2004. Government has also decided to adopt this price for working out concession rates for the quarter ending up to 31st December 2004 under the concession scheme. The price to be adopted from January 2005 onwards is not yet decided.

(e) to (g) No report of shortage in respect of urea has been received from any State during the year 2004-05. In case of DAP & MOP some of the State Governments have requested for additional quantities, which were made available to them.